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the mad, wild play of I said unto you, that no man can
see my face. But I felt come unto me expect it be given
to me something to the unto him of the Father." In
my. I asked him how 6:63-65, N. V. "Upon this many
he said: "Brother of his disciples went back and
was so happy. I was walked no more with him." "In
the suns suffered for me." "Bro. G. has surely switched
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bureted by some D. D. Well, I
we have health, and don't think Brother Stone
ur homes, we should
ing for joy in God's
and Air-Heat.

Consider These Figures and
Note The Proposition.

Six months of our Convention
year have passed. In that time
we have received for Foreign
Missions as follows:

Alabama \$ 433.46
Arkansas 582.10
District of Columbia 133.00

234.99

Georgia 6,007.02

Kentucky 4,010.94

Louisiana 67.35

Maryland 2,054.87

Mississippi 935.92

Missouri 1,433.13

North Carolina 1,179.30

Western N. C. 3.0.10

South Carolina 3,340.75

Tennessee 534.14

Texas 2,620.54

Virginia 8,223.26

Other Sources 1,919.47

Total \$33,062.46

You will see from this that

Mississippi, with a membership

of 92,307 in her 1,253 churches,

has given \$935.92 for Foreign

Missions in six months. We call

on the pastors, deacons and

church members to consider

these things, and also God's com-

mand to us to send the gospel

into all the world. The work of

our missionaries is being great-

ly blessed on the fields. We

have urgent calls to reinforce at

several strategic points. A

united effort will help to greatly

strengthen the work, and make

a needed movement forward.

Will not the brethren of Missis-

sippi see that the churches of

your State move up the figures

much in the next two months?

If each member can be induced

to give something, how great

will be the result.

Here is a proposition I want

to make to every church member.

Are you willing to be a foreign

missionary for just one day be-

fore the year closes? Then give

one day's labor for the Lord.

Work at your regular vocation,

and give your income for that

day to Foreign Missions. Ask

John A. Broadus, D. D. LL. D.

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Editorial

On First, Fourth & Fifth Pages

NOTES AND COMMENTS

SEE the announcement of the opening of Mississippi College. From present indications we are likely to have cold weather before that time. May the Lord graciously permit it to be so, and relieve our college and people from the long suspense.

THE Baptists of Meridian have arranged for a united thanksgiving service on the 25th of this month, at which time a contribution will be made to the Baptist Orphanage at Jackson. We know of no more worthy object. May it be a liberal one, and may the service be profitable to the Lord's saints.

It seems that the Queen City Business College, located in this city, is doing more for its graduates than any institution of its kind in the South. Eleven of its students located in lucrative positions in one week. Ten dollars will be given each pupil on his scholarship who enters by the beginning of their term. This method, and this alone, can an authoritative conclusion should be done in the premises.

The Southern Baptist Seminary, at Louisville, Ky., opened last week with about 200 students. This is the largest number that has ever (in its fifty-eight years) been present at the opening. In the face of all the clamor that has been raised against its president, Dr. Whitsitt, this attendance indicates that the spirit of free inquiry meets the approval of the Baptists in the South.

Christian Observer.

The above is a sweet morsel to our pedo-Baptist friends, and is copied around in their papers with unctious delight. They claim that it is a sure sign that the Baptists are weakening on their doctrinal exclusiveness. The mistake they make is in supposing that the increase of students indicates that the spirit of free inquiry meets the approval of the Baptists of the South. On the contrary, the increase is not greater than before, and is only in proportion to our denominational increase. Besides that, small or no effort is made to prevent our young preachers going to the Seminary, as all our people believe that with all the facts before them, and the dangers uncovered, our young preachers are far less liable to injury than ever before. In view of the great benefits in so many other respects which they are to receive, our young men are almost universally recommended to go to the Seminary. No, sir, it is not that they favor "free inquiry" so much as that they do not fear it in the light of so much light. They believe in our young men's home training, and expect fewer of the churches and pave a proper and final judgment of the matter.

OUR FIELD GLASS.

It will be seen in this issue of the BAPTIST RECORD that the Zion Hill Church has issued another call for a council to consider and dispose of the matter of Rev. M. T. Martin's doctrinal views and methods. We are in-

about returned to normal conditions. For two Sundays Pastor Sproles has filled his pulpit at the morning and evening services. Our people are very grateful for an almost miraculous escape from the dreadful yellow fever scourge. The Lord has indeed been merciful to us, and many hearts we know are grateful for this mercy. It was our pleasure on the first Sunday to be with our beloved Pelahatchie people, after an absence of two months. We found all well and the town grateful for their escape from the yellow fever.

After a six weeks' "hiding out," or enforced idleness in Madison county, Bro. Leavell was again on the streets a few days ago, and went over to Brandon to be with his people after a long suspension of services. Bro. Leavell is the picture of health, and it would be indeed a bold "yaller fever" that would dare to attack him. His family are still absent in Georgia; and Bro. Sproles' family are still quarantined in Clinton. By the way, Bro. Sproles is now "grandpa," as the worthy president of Mississippi College has a recent new addition to his family. The Field Glass man ten-

dered congratulations. The remainder of our space we give to an important matter mentioned by Bro. Burrell. But first we are rejoiced to hear of a good meeting he has had with his Ruka church, in which Bro. Low, of Clinton, helped. At last accounts there were four conversions. We trust the Lord was in them in power.

Elder H. M. Bunnard

preached the introductory ser-

mon from the text: "Behold, I

set before you an open door."

His subject was forcibly handled.

The singing, too, was good, and

the congregation attentive.

Proceeding to the election of officers, Elder J. E. Brunson was re-elected Moderator, and Elder

J. L. Williams, Clerk and Treasurer.

Eighteen churches were represented, including two admitted on petitionary letters.

—Salem Souvenir.

Palestine were not represented.

Six of the churches reported no Sunday Schools. One reported a Ladies Aid Society and several mentioned prayer meetings, but none noted Young people's Unions. Bro. C. H. McLemore and P. H. Partin made interesting remarks in relation to the organization and early history of the Association.

Appointments were made for the Lord's Day. Elder J. L. Williams to preach at the church

at 11 a. m., and Elder J. E. Brunson at Hoffer's School at 3:30 p. m. Monday's proceedings will be reported next week.

L. A. D.

The Rev. Dr. James, who has edited *The Commonwealth*, of Philadelphia, since its first issue, and done his work well, has recently retired from that connection with the paper because it was not a financial success. Perhaps this is proof enough that one dollar per annum will not adequately support a religious newspaper. This too when it was the only Baptist paper published in the State of Pennsylvania.

J. P. BROWN, Mod.

The Orphanage.

DEAR RECORD:—In my correction of Convention Minutes in your issue of Oct. 21, you make me say, "item 59, page 18 was not so much as introduced much less passed—at least in that Convention." It should have been "at least in that connection." It is possible that such an item was passed later in the day, yet I have no recollection of it. Fraternally,

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CHURCH ARCHITECTURE.

A new book on church architecture—F. A. L. A., of New

York, is just out and on our table; the price in cloth is \$1.25 and in paper 75c per copy. It is a volume of 234 pages and well printed on good paper.

It is a book that will have a special interest for all who are contemplating building or furnishing a new house of worship. It has many plans and sketches of church houses that have been built and contains very much valuable information for the building, repairing and furnishing of houses of worship. Address J. R. Lamb, 23, 25 and 27 Sixth avenue, New York City, N. Y.

The Baptist Argus of Louisville is the latest newspaper venture that has yet arrived. It has a clear face of new type, is of the popular form and shows good sign of ability. We understand

it is to be Dr. Whitsitt's organ, but of course it will be "fair" and publish both sides like all other well intentioned newspaper do. There is no objection in our mind to Dr. Whitsitt having an organ. We suppose this matter that he has raised that has so agitated our people of late will have to be fought out to a finish. It is worthy of note, however, that while some of his friends are making peace statements of "twenty" and others are muzzling conventions and hindering debate, others are

bringing out an organ for him and themselves to propagate his new discoveries. But it may be that we have misunderstood them; we shall see.

Meeting of Convention Board.

The annual meeting of the Convention Board for making appropriations will be held in the Missions Rooms of the Baptist Temple, the city of Jackson, December 7, at 10 a. m. Let all requests for help be sent to me at Winona as soon as possible. Please make full statements as to needs, prospects of building up, salary to be paid, Sunday School work of the church, etc. Do not be afraid to go into details.

H. F. SPROLES, Pres.
A. V. ROWE, Cor. Sec.

Kosciusko Association.

The Kosciusko Association is hereby called to meet with Samaria church, seven miles southwest of Kosciusko, at 10 o'clock a. m., Friday before the second Lord's Day in December.

It is hoped that every delegate will be present. At least one sister from each church is requested to attend to confer with Sister Whitfield about Woman's work. Samaria church will give all a cordial welcome. Brethren coming by railroad can get conveyance at Kosciusko.

Bro. Silas H. Coleman was a

leader in every good work.

J. P. BROWN, Mod.

The Orphanage.

Can we not have a general and large contribution to the Orphanage on Thanksgiving Day? I do not believe any of our members would fail to give to this cause if they could see the orphans, the surroundings and prospects at Jackson. Let all our churches hold separate services on Thanksgiving Day, and give the people an opportunity to make a contribution. Let all the people who do not go to church on that day, send something to Brother Foster.

H. F. SPROLES.

CHRONICLES.

L. A. D.

It will be no easy matter to write a full and correct history of the Mississippi Baptists. Our people have been, and still are,

records. The war of the States caused the loss of much that was being preserved. Add to this the fact that it is almost impossible to find full files of any can now be obtained. Further, the movement for the separate organization of our colored churches ought to be noted and explained.

Our people do not realize that we are making history now! If they did, the churches would

send full information to their Associations, and the Clerk would combine the details, and put the results, at least, into the minutes. It is a difficult matter to secure complete statistics from the churches, such as offerings for missions, pastor's salary, existence of Sunday Schools, prayer meetings and other departments of work. Then Clerks sometimes fail to note the facts.

Amidst.

BY ELDER A. P. COPELAND.

The year 1807 came in very much as most of its predecessors. But it seems more rude and ruthless in its passage than the majority that have gone before it. It early heralded its mission with pelting rain and roaring, sweeping, destructive floods. Some lands it bore away, the while, many people drowning while leaving on others rich deposits, as well as great quantities of the seeds of death. Vegetation did not spring from the deeply enriched soil with more rapid growth than did leap the foul air from decaying beds of poison strata, infecting regions far and near with disease, and causing death. Then came parching heat and drying of lands as well as the assuaging of rivers, lakes and ponds. And in many places, extremes went from wet to dry, till starvation almost grained in the faces of those who last year had plenty. And later on, from the burning tropics, came on black wing that dreaded scourge, the yellow fever. Along all the coast lines of our Southland he fanned his deadly wing, now coasting the low land streams he flew. Nor will he cease his wonted mischief till frost clips his wings and freezes his power. Business crippled and trade stagnated are trivial matters to the sad homes and broken hearts, left in weeds and ashes. And as if the yellow fever were not enough, other fevers, dengue, malarial, etc., brought up the rear. Though it might have been worse, it has been bad enough, that 1807 will not be soon forgotten.

Truly etc.

THE BAPTIST RECORD.

The Baptists in China.

Old Salem was the first Baptist church organized, and it was

quite prosperous until what might be called the Campbellite invasion. The stout, brick walls were standing in 1850, as were those of the church in Woodville, Wilkinson county. In one case there were walls only, in the other, a house going to decay—the resort for goats, instead of a fold for spiritual sheep. Uncle Billie Griffing was then a member of Fellowship in Jefferson county, and though quite aged and lame, was able to go regularly to the house of God.

In those days, there were not a few noble Baptists in the vicinity of Rodney. Prominent among these were Sister McGill and family, the Colemans, the Griffings, etc. Of the elder Bro. Griffing, Rev. C. S. McCloud, who was visiting the neighborhood in 1850, remarked: "Bro. G. is a singularly intelligent Baptist."

That was true, for he was a close student of the Bible. Then the community was celebrated for its hospitality and liberality. Bro. Silas H. Coleman was a

leader in every good work.

J. P. BROWN, Mod.

The Orphanage.

The Chronicler in his early travels, had long and frequent talks with the "old men" of that day. All of them have long since passed away, and even the middle-aged have nearly all gone. Among the latter who are still with us, may be mentioned Bro. E. C. Eager and Bro. N. L. Clarke. Of the sisters, Mrs. Susan McGill, now of Rodney church, then an able, faithful worker of old Fellowship. If we would not lose valuable information, it is important to get

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(MISS MARY P. HACKETT, EDITOR)

NOVEMBER.

AFRICA.—"The heathen shall fear the name of the Lord." S. B. C. Mission opened, 1850; missionaries, 7; native assistants, 7; churches, 6; out-stations, 2; membership, 24; baptisms, 29; schools, 2; scholars, 107; Sunday School scholars, 172. Contributions, \$393.

STUDY TOPICS.—The people and their languages. Extension of the rum traffic. Religious systems. Congo and Yoruba missions. Encouragements.

WHERE IS MY PAPA TONIGHT?

In memory of my precious father, who departed this life on Sunday, July 1, 1896, at 7 years.

There's an old arm-chair that is vacant. There's a couch where our dead have lain. There's silence where once sounded footsteps.

The weeping shall hear again.

There's gloom in our homestead that

deepens.

With the hours of day's fading light.

And my heart cries out in its anguish.

"Oh where is my papa to-night?"

The days of his wearisome illness.

The nights lit by hope's feeble gleam.

The last sad struggle and parting.

See now like some terrible dream.

A dream? Ah! no, it is real.

The parting, the tomb and the tears.

And before me the desert so dreary.

Of future lonely years.

Kleft the death-chill on his forehead.

And clasped the toll-worn hands.

Till the spirit so true and so tender.

Had passed unto other lands.

And yet, though so well I remember,

There grows with the fading light.

A yearning that cries from my heart.

depths.

"Where is my papa to-night?"

Papa! Ah me! How strangely.

The grief in my soul is stirred.

When those who are young and happy.

Wish that precious word.

And my thoughts dwell on days that are vanished.

That were free from toil and care.

When so gently he shielded and soothed

me.

And kept me from evil's dark snare.

I know that a spirit so noble.

A heart whose love was so strong.

whose faith was in the Redeemer.

Has a place in His ransomed throng.

I chide myself that I'd wish him.

Outside of that mansion so bright.

Yet each passing breeze seems to whisper,

"Where is my papa to-night?"

Oh to pierce the gloomy mystery.

Which envelops this parting so drear.

Oh to stand for one moment beside him.

As often I've stood with him here.

And smelt the music and glory.

Of the realm where no sorrow can blight.

Find answer indeed to the question,

"Where is my dear papa to-night?"

Who cannot yet know what it is

To face life's care as an orphan.

In a world so dreary as this.

Your fathers are out on life's ocean.

With its storms and its billows to fight.

Are there answers of peace to your question.

"Where is my papa to-night?"

O, there's balm for my anguished spirit.

In the knowledge that never again,

Shall reach my own precious father.

One shadow of sorrow or pain.

The conflicts, the turmoils and tears.

And there's perfect rest for his spirit.

Through endless, happy years.

And so, 'tis with the memory

Of the sight of his quiet face,

I consign ye at last to slumber.

In the old familiar place.

I only wait for the dawning.

Of a day in God's home of delight,

Where all solace-towers are in anguish.

"Where is my papa to-night?"

BRIAN LEE FITZGERALD.

Our Stewardship.

We are but stewards. Has it

never occurred to you that each

gift which you possess is a tal-

ent lent you for usury by the

Master? To some are given the

power of healing—the same di-

vine virtue possessed by the tree of life, which grows in Paradise—the healing of the nations." Others are honored with David, they have the power to charm the sick or sorrowful with divine ministrations. It is good to exercise this spiritual gift for charitable purposes. To others are bequeathed Christ's own mission, that of burden-bearing. How supreme an honor to have the same gift as the Master. If He, the Lord of all, can stoop His shoulder to lift the weight from poor humanity, how much more should you, "poor worms of the dust," bear one another's burdens."

More than ten million gallons of the choicest, deadliest stuff ever manufactured were sent by these six Christian countries into Africa:

England..... 31,384 gallons.
Netherlands..... 1,882,042
United States..... 1,092,196
France pure alcohol..... 405,400
Portugal..... 9,525

Boston, the headquarters of the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions, exported of rum to Africa for five years, ending June 30, 1887, 3,359,224 gallons, besides 141,572 gallons of other spirits.

TESTIMONY OF AFRICAN CHIEFS.

That the rum traffic is destroying that, you will "gain others, and as cordial a 'well done,' as only the missionaries, but of the native chiefs themselves. Read their testimony:

Cetewayo, ex-king of Zulus. "Do you think it a good thing to allow the unrestricted sale of brandy? It is a very bad thing, which will ruin the country."

Kaulelo and Fingoe, headmen of Peddie, say: "Stop the canteens and drink. They will be required to give an account of our stewardship, and the uses to which we have put that talent. Don't say, 'I intend to put my talent to some good, sometime,' you cannot claim a moment ahead. Now is the time. The present burden's are to be lifted, or the burdened one may be lowered, and your talent, perhaps, hidden by earth, when He comes. The Master may come in the first watch, and call for His own—that which He only lent you; has it been folded away?"

Petrus, Moshonga and Sam Sigenu: "This brandy is destroying our nation."

Mankai Renna, a Tembu headman: "I think the people ought to be allowed to purchase brandy at all. It is killing the people and destroying the whole country."

HATTIE ANTLEY FAIRCHILD.

New Orleans, La.

Mrs. MCKINLEY on Marriage.

"At an informal reception at the White House recently, the question turned upon the subject of matrimony. Mrs. McKinley talked so brightly and enthusiastically upon the subject that Miss Gary, daughter of the Post master General, who is soon to enter the wedded state, laughingly remarked that Mrs. McKinley might open a select school for the instruction of future husbands. Miss Gary's suggestion met with general favor, and the discussion was kept up at a lively rate during the remainder of the hour."

If there is one topic more than another upon which Mrs. McKinley waxes eloquent, it is marriage. Above everything she extols the devotion of her husband as an example to young men. She unhesitatingly asserts that marriage is woman's highest mission when coupled with the mutual respect which begets perfect confidence. In the discharge of her domestic duties, she believes that a wife and mother finds her true happiness and reward.—*Pittsburg Dispatch*.

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Central Association.

Said Association was to have met at Brownville, Oct. 8, this year. Below follows:

In consequence of said fever having been in Brownville, Concord church, three miles east of Anding, on the Y. & M. V., extended a pressing invitation to said Association through me to meet with her this year. Gratefully I accepted the invitation. Therefore said Association will meet at Concord Church on the 10th of December this year at 10 a. m.

The brethren of Concord make this request, to-wit: "Please do us the kindness to have announced in both the Layman and RECORD that it is requested by our brethren that all visitors and delegates who can conveniently do so will please come in their own conveyances and lodge in the community Thursday night and homes will be assigned at the church Friday. Of course we shall meet the train at Anding Friday morning to carry out whoever may come on train."

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